

*Location:* 2301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037.

*Status:* Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98–525.

*Agenda:* July 21, 2017 Board Meeting; Chairman's Report; Vice Chairman's Report; President's Report; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixty Second Meeting (April 21, 2017) of the Board of Directors; Reports from USIP Board Committees; China Program Report; and USIP Global Campus Report.

*Contact:* Nick Rogacki, Special Assistant to the President, Email: [nrogacki@usip.org](mailto:nrogacki@usip.org).

Dated: July 6, 2017.

**Nicholas Rogacki,**

*Special Assistant to the President.*

[FR Doc. 2017–14544 Filed 7–11–17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6820-AR-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Health Services Research and Development Service, Scientific Merit Review Board Amended Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will conduct in-person and teleconference meetings of its eight Health Services Research (HSR) subcommittees on the dates below from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise listed) at the VHA National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202 (unless otherwise listed):

- HSR 1—Health Care and Clinical Management on August 22–23, 2017;
- HSR 2—Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health and Care on August 22–23, 2017;
- HSR 3—Healthcare Informatics from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on August 24, 2017, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 25, 2017;
- HSR 4—Mental and Behavioral Health on August 24–25, 2017;
- HSR 5—Health Care System Organization and Delivery on August 23–24, 2017;
- HSR 6—Post-acute and Long-term Care on August 23, 2017;
- CDA—Career Development Award Meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on August 24, 2017; and

- NRI—Nursing Research Initiative from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on August 24, 2017.

The purpose of the Board is to review health services research and development applications involving: The measurement and evaluation of health care services; the testing of new methods of health care delivery and management; and nursing research. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit, mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects. Recommendations regarding funding are submitted to the Chief Research and Development Officer.

Each subcommittee meeting of the Board will be open to the public the first day for approximately one half-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the start of the meeting on August 22 (HSR 1, 2), August 23 (HSR 1, 2, 6), August 23–24 (HSR 5), August 24 (CDA, NRI), and August 24–25 (HSR 3, 4) to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the subcommittee meetings may dial 1–800–767–1750, participant code 10443#.

The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the intramural research proposals and critiques. During the closed portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of

Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meetings. Those who plan to participate during the open portion of a subcommittee meeting should contact Ms. Liza Catucci, Administrative Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Services Research and Development Service (10P9H), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at [Liza.Catucci@va.gov](mailto:Liza.Catucci@va.gov). For further information, please call Ms. Catucci at (202) 443–5797.

Dated: July 7, 2017.

**LaTonya L. Small,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

[FR Doc. 2017–14618 Filed 7–11–17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0075]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Statement in Support of Claim

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 11, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0075” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0075” in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.  
*Title:* Statement in Support of Claim (VA Form 21–4138).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0075.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21–4138 is used by claimants to provide self-certified statements in support of various types of claims processed by the agency. VA compensation and pension programs

require that statements submitted by or on behalf of a claimant contain certification by the respondent that the information provided is true and correct. This form is designed to facilitate claims processing by providing a uniform format for the certification statement.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 82 FR 84 on May 3, 2017, page 20687.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 188,000.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 752,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**  
*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management,  
Department of Veterans Affairs.*

[FR Doc. 2017-14561 Filed 7-11-17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320-01-P**